

The Green Team

May 2020





Name	Ara	Shai	Lucca	Nico	Sefa
Country					
Food					



Time connectives

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Finally,

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Just before dinner, ...

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"The competition is only a week away," said Seta, "and our vegetables still haven't grown."

"The silverbeet is looking good," said Mr. Wetini.

"We can't win a competition with silverbeet," said Ara.

"I don't even like silverbeet," groaned Nico.

"Silverbeet is all we've got," said Luca. "We'll have to use it."

"My dad makes some yummy fritters with silverbeet," said Shai. "I could ask him how he makes them."

"Hey," said Seta. "Why don't we see if we can all find some recipes for special things we can make with silverbeet. We could ask at home."



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Writing mahi ideas

- My first day back at school
- What happens at your place for a special celebration?
- Helping Mum or Dad make dinner

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- Research some other cultures and recipes